

**AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS**

1. (Currently Amended) A powder coating composition, comprising:  
powder coating particle including thermosetting resin powder, an adhesive binder, and a  
flake pigment bound to a surface of said thermosetting resin powder by means of said binder;  
wherein said powder coating particle has an average particle size of at most 100 $\mu$ m based  
on D50 conversion, [[and]]  
a bonding ratio between said thermosetting resin powder and said flake pigment is in a  
range from 90% to 100%, and  
said adhesive binder is of at least one type selected from a group consisting of terpene  
resins, terpene/phenol resins, terpene hydrogenated resins, and terpene/phenol hydrogenated  
resins.

2. (Original) The powder coating composition according to claim 1, wherein  
said flake pigment is an aluminum flake pigment including aluminum flake particle and a  
resin composition coat coating a surface of said aluminum flake particle.

3. (Original) The powder coating composition according to claim 2, wherein  
said resin composition coat is a resin composition coat containing a three-dimensionally  
cross-linked polymer resin obtained by polymerizing a raw material composition including at  
least two types of oligomer and/or monomer having at least one polymeric double bond in a  
molecule.

4. (Original) The powder coating composition according to claim 3, wherein  
said aluminum flake pigment contains 2g to 50g of said resin composition coat with  
respect to 100g of said aluminum flake particle.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Original) The powder coating composition according to claim 1, wherein  
said adhesive binder is an oligomer that can be dissolved in a solvent that does not  
dissolve said thermosetting resin powder, has a number-average molecular weight in a range  
from 300 to 2000, and has a softening point in a range from 30 to 180°C, and  
said solvent that does not dissolve said thermosetting resin powder has a boiling point in  
a range from 28 to 130°C under an atmospheric pressure.